

RESEARCH PROPOSAL – CYCLE XXXVIII – PHD COURSE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – UNIVERSITY OF GENOVA

Please carefully read the notices below before writing your research proposal:

- This is a template for the Research Project that **must** be presented as part of the application package for the PhD program in Social Sciences offered by the University of Genoa.
- The Committee will use your research project to assess your attitude and capacity to approach scientific research in the fields of social science. Therefore, the **project is not binding**. Your actual project could be changed or better defined along with your Tutor.
- The Committee will evaluate your application in the context of the research lines listed in the call for the matching curriculum. Therefore, we recommend you focus on a research topic pertinent to those lines of research.
- You can write the **Research Project in English or Italian**, as you prefer.
- The proposal **must have a maximum length of 4500 words** (references included) and a formatting style as follows: a) Font: Times 12; line spacing: 1.5
- The structure of your research proposal should be as follows (subsections are allowed if needed):
 - *Abstract* [Summary of the research proposal]
 - *State of the art* [Outline the state of the literature relevant to your proposal and highlight how your project could advance/integrate/replicate the previous research]
 - *Aims and hypotheses/research questions* [Clearly state the aims of your research and, if needed, your main hypotheses]
 - *Methodology* [Describe methods that you will apply to pursue the research aims]
 - *Expected results* [Describe the expected results that you expect to achieve through this research proposal]
 - *Theoretical and practical implications* [Speculate and discuss the theoretical and practical impact of your research proposal]
 - *References* [List the bibliographic references that you cited in the text following the scientific format of the related discipline (e.g., APA style, Chicago style)]